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On the cover: The Stone of Hope Statue, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, near the Lincoln Memorial, on the shore of the Tidal Basin.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) joins the Nation in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

On August 28, 1963, despite searing heat, over 250,000 people from all corners of the country marched on our Nation's capital. In the shadow of the Washington Monument, all the marchers shared the same dream: equality for the nearly 20 million African Americans living in the United States. Organized by a coalition of civil rights, religious, and labor organizations, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom drew hundreds of thousands of participants in support of President John F. Kennedy's proposed civil rights bill. Organizers included A. Philip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, John Lewis of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Recordings of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech that day have helped it become one of the best-remembered speeches in American history and a lasting symbol of the event. The official program for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom was chosen as one of America's 100 milestone documents.

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